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For : METHOD FOR INCREASING THE PROCESS STABILITY,
PARTICULARLY THE ABSOLUTE THICKNESS
PRECISION AND THE INSTALLATION SAFETY DURING
THE HOT ROLLING OF STEEL OR NONFERROUS
MATERIALS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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